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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
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SUBJECT:DOCUMENT SEARCH REQUESTED BY THE HOUSE SELECT
COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS ABUSE AND CONTROL

REF: STATE 068327 (NOTAL)

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BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS, COMPLICITY IN DRUG TRAFFICKING) OF
FLORIDA-BASED FINANCIAL CORPORATION, WFC, INC. (AKA: WORLD
FINANCIAL CORPORATION, WFC GROUP) AND ITS CHAIRMAN
GUILLERMO HERNANDEZ CARTAYA. MISSIONS ARE REQUESTED TO
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